

REMARKS

One of the issues set forth under Section 112 and in paragraph 4 of the office action has been corrected. With respect to the objection to claim 8, claim 4 has been amended so that there is now only one processor-based system, verifying the problem raised. With respect to the objection to "Bluetooth," in all instances that can be identified by the Applicant, "Bluetooth" is capitalized and is used to modify another term. Therefore, it is not believed that there are any instances in which the term is used incorrectly, not as a trademark.

Claim 1 has been amended to call for a wireless signal received in a hand held device in response to a request to operate a processor-based system. The idea here is that when someone tries to access a processor-based system to use it, a signal is generated to a wireless device which may be sufficiently proximate to respond with authentication information. If the wireless device is not proximate, it is expected that the access is not by the authorized user who carries the wireless device. Then denying access prevents unauthorized access.

The cited references relate to authenticating users in communication systems. There is no concept of attempting to access a computer and, in response, sending a signal. There is no basis in the references to reason from Flowden or Kotola to arrive at the claimed solution. The references only concern themselves with authenticating wireless users, not preventing unauthorized users from accessing a computer system.


Moreover, it is unusual to respond to a request to access to a computer system to send a different type of response, a wireless signal, to another device to enable said another device to authenticate, if possible, the access. In one embodiment, the access is authenticated because the owner of the computer has a hand held device and is sufficiently proximate that it is reasonable to conclude he is either the one using the system or is in control of the one using the system.

Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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